

Opal Creek SRA Advisory Council

Roles and Responsibilities & Meeting Operations

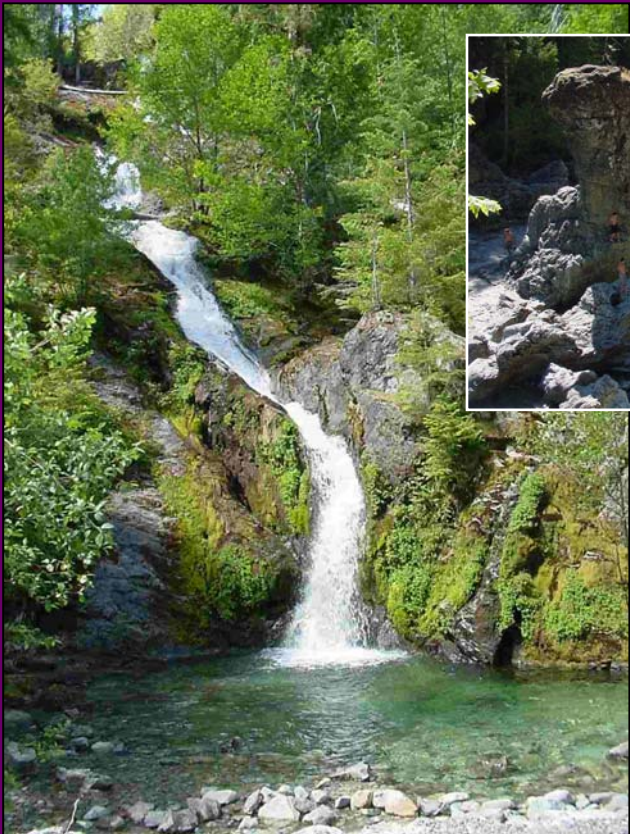


Role of Council – Legislation & Charter

- Advisory Council mandated by Opal Creek Act to do 2 things.
- The Opal Creek Advisory Council is to advise the FS on the preparation of a management plan for the Opal Creek SRA; and
- Will advise the FS on a regular and periodic basis on matters relating to management of the Opal Creek SRA.
 - Within the sideboards of the Opal Creek Act, AC Charter and SRA Management Plan

Purpose of the Opal Creek SRA is to:

1) Protect and provide for the enhancement of the natural, scenic, recreational, historic and cultural resources of Opal Creek;



2) Protect and support the economy of North Santiam Canyon communities; and

3) Provide increased protection for an important drinking water source for communities served by the North Santiam River



Regulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA)

- Decisions on Federal policies, programs, plans, and projects and expenditures of federal monies must be made by Federal officials.
- The Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) regulates the way Federal officials obtain advice and recommendations from non-federal persons, by regulating the formation and operation of advisory committees.
- FACA formalized the process for establishing, operating, overseeing, and terminating AC's - charter, solicitation/approval process, public notification (Federal Register), record keeping, open to the public, Report to Congress, etc).



Opal Creek SRA Advisory Council

- The Opal Creek SRA Advisory Council makes recommendations to the Detroit District Ranger of the Willamette National Forest, who is responsible for final decisions.



Designated Federal Official (DFO)

- Delegated to the Detroit District Ranger
- Call, attend, and adjourn council meetings*
- Ensures open public participation
- Approves subcommittees
- Maintains all records, minutes and documents associated with AC and make publicly available
- Annual Reports to Congress



Chairperson Duties

- Spokesperson for the group
- Preside over meetings
- Ensures activities are consistent w/charter
- Appoints group members to subcommittees
- Certifies accuracy of minutes
- Facilitates the formation of agenda

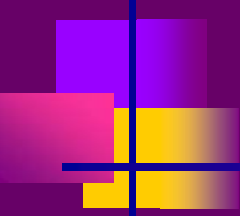


Subcommittees

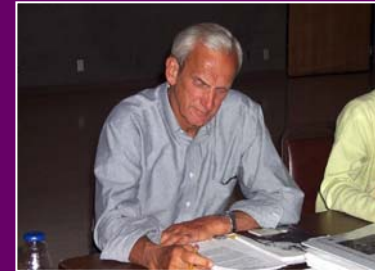
- The Advisory Council may recommend establishing such working groups or subcommittees as it may find necessary.
- They may include representatives from organizations other than Advisory Council members that have an interest management of the Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area.



Council Responsibilities



Individually and collectively, you bring skills, knowledge, and experience that can help us more effectively manage the SRA and to make it an outstanding recreation area.





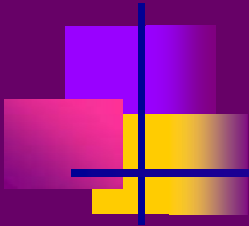
How can you help the FS to be more effective?

- Bring to the table, the interests of the stakeholders that you represent;
- Carry information back to the stakeholders;
- Alert the FS to emerging issues;
- Share your technical and professional knowledge with the FS and other council members;
- Attend meetings (Charter requires 7 members for a quorum)
- Be a hands on, problem solving group



Getting more specific, we would like for the Council to:

- Recommend projects that will move us towards meeting the desired condition;
- Help with prioritization of projects;
- Assist in implementing projects;
- Assist with monitoring the management plan and projects;
 - Assistance includes finding alternative funding sources, partnerships, support for implementing projects and monitoring, etc.
- Other ideas from the Council on their vision?



Meeting Ground Rules and Decision Model



Meeting Ground Rules ...

- Represent interests of your constituency.
- Understand and agree to meeting commitments.
Attend meetings and be on time.
- Keep alternates informed of advisory council decisions, process and timelines. In addition, members are responsible for seeing that alternates attend meetings they will miss.
- Be willing to work in a team setting and be open to discussing and understanding a wide range of viewpoints
- Give everyone a chance to speak and withhold judgment on an idea presented by others until it has a chance to be developed



...More Meeting Etiquette

- As a starting point for discussions, focus on issues, needs and opportunities, not on personalities, people, or firm positions.
- Attempt to reach consensus at decision points to develop a feasible set of ideas and actions.
- Speak concisely and listen without interrupting.
- If problems or concerns arise about how the Council is operating, members will make these known to the Council or facilitators first and attempt to resolve them with the Council structure. This will help to avoid undermining the process.




Decision Model...



I
support



I don't
support

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I am unsure, have
questions, need
more info/time or
can live with



...Decision Model...

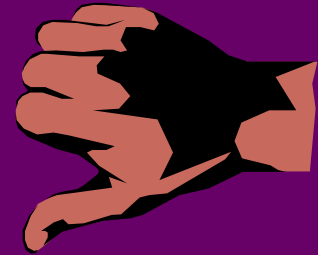
- Strive for consensus
- If no consensus - tabled till the next meeting for council to work out
- Next meeting - if council doesn't achieve consensus then go with super majority vote after discussion (2/3rds vote)
- If necessary, the DFO will make the decision.

Questions???



Ground Rules and Decision Model

- In agreement?





Meeting Dates

- 1st, 3rd or 4th Wednesday?
- Time: 6:30-8:30
- Location: Stayton Community Center
- Quarterly?
- Set dates to meet for the next year
- AC members are eligible to submit mileage to attend meetings.
(Alternates may submit when standing in for absent member)